

with child and shall bear a son and shall name him Immanuel. <sup>15</sup> He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. <sup>16</sup> For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

Sermon: When the People Shake, God is With Us

Prayer, The Lord’s Prayer (debts)

Knox News

Praise Team: Baptized

Dedication of the Offering (no passing of the plate)

**Praise: Oh How Good it is**

Statement of Hope and Benediction

Go Now in Peace

Postlude        God Really Loves Us  
                         Goodness of God

**Emergency Pastoral Care:**

This week the following clergy are available should an urgent need arise:

Rev Scott McAndless  
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Rev. Jen Sokolowsky **only** available until Thursday  
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**Next Sunday** we will gather at St. Andrew’s Hespeler Presbyterian Church (73 Queen St E, Cambridge ON N3C 2A9) at 10 am. Looking forward so seeing you there!

**Today’s Celebration**

Today we are honoured to celebrate the baptism of Denny, son of Erin and Bryce. This is, of course, a celebration for their family and for the congregation of Knox, Crieff, where Bryce is a member. Nevertheless, they have graciously been willing to invite all of us into this act of joy and promise.



The baptism service includes promises made by the church. These promises are particularly meaningful for the people of Knox Crieff today, but we would also invite everyone to enthusiastically join in these promises as we all speak for the Universal Church. We also live in the hope that the future of our congregations will include continuing integration and cooperation, so we expect that there will also be ways to follow through on these promises in practical ways.

Also joining us in our promises are the three witnesses (or godparents) that Erin and Bryce have named: Mary Rodenburg, Patrick Hart and Russell Jackson.



*Baptism Service*

*Knox Presbyterian Church, Crieff*

*Sunday, July 20, 2025*

Musical Prelude:      He Knows my name  
                                 God’s Family  
                                 Down in my heart

A Word of Welcome

Praise: Come, Now is the Time to Worship

**Call to Worship:**

L: Friends, Erin and Bryce have some Good News for us.

**People: What’s the Good News?**

Parents (at the back of the sanctuary): *We have a son!*

L: Praise God! We have new life among us. Let all the people say Amen.

**People: Amen!**

L: What is his name?

*Parents: He is called ...*

L: Why do you bring him here?

*Parents: That he may be blessed by God and included in God’s community.*

**People: Do you know that he needs to go through the waters of baptism?**

*Parents: Yes we do, may we enter?*

L: May they enter?

**People: Yes! We rejoice with you in the gift of your son, and we promise to provide you with a circle of belonging in which he will have a place. As friends, we will offer a home to worship God and learn the Sacred Story.**

Hymn #521 Child of blessing, child of promise

Affirmations:

L: Please join me as we welcome this new life among us:

**People: Little child, welcome to this world, this amazing and scary world. Welcome to light and dark, hot and cold, good and evil. Welcome to love and hate, truth and lies, good times and bad. Welcome to the long human pilgrimage from birth to death. Anything can happen here; everything is possible. Some things must be chosen; others left behind. Welcome to the real world and this**

**circle of friends. Here we turn to God for help in making the choices that lead to life.**

L: Denny, for you Jesus Christ came into the world; for you he passed through the waters of baptism; for you he broke bread with sinners and outcasts; for you he endured the agony of the cross; for you he triumphed over death. You, little child, know nothing of this. How will you ever know? Who will ever tell you?

*Parents: We will!*

L: Denny, this is too big a job for your parents alone. Who is going to help them?

**People: We will!**

*Witnesses: And so will we!*

L: Denny, who will protect and nourish you until that day when you turn to God and say yes to God’s life of compassion, justice and peace?

*Parents: We will!*

L: Who is going to help them?

**People: We will!**

*Witnesses: And so will we!*

Prayer of Approach

**God of all peace and hope, many years ago, you sent your Son, Jesus, among us to prove your love and challenge the darkness of this world. We praise you because today you have sent us this child to remind us of that gift and reignite within us that hope that that birth brought.**

**We know that we sometimes forget that hope and choose to live in the darkness instead of in the light of your love. As we pour out this water baptism, we pray that you would renew us all and sanctify us with your Spirit that we might know true peace. Amen.**

Act of Baptism

Welcome:

L: Friends, this is Denny, a son of God!  
**People: Welcome, Denny!**  
Sharing the Peace of Christ

The Light of Christ

**Praise: Shine, Jesus, Shine**

Time with the Children

Praise: Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 7:1-7, 10-16

<sup>1</sup> In the days of Ahaz son of Jotham son of Uzziah, king of Judah, King Rezin of Aram and King Pekah son of Remaliah of Israel went up to attack Jerusalem but could not conquer it. <sup>2</sup> When the house of David heard that Aram had allied itself with Ephraim, the heart of Ahaz and the heart of his people shook as the trees of the forest shake before the wind.

<sup>3</sup> Then the LORD said to Isaiah, “Go out to meet Ahaz, you and your son Shear-jashub, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool on the highway to the fuller’s field, <sup>4</sup> and say to him: Take heed, be quiet, do not fear, and do not let your heart be faint because of these two smoldering stumps of firebrands, because of the fierce anger of Rezin and Aram and the son of Remaliah. <sup>5</sup> Because Aram—with Ephraim and the son of Remaliah—has plotted evil against you, saying, <sup>6</sup> ‘Let us go up against Judah and terrify it and conquer it for ourselves and make the son of Tabeel king in it’; <sup>7</sup> therefore thus says the Lord GOD: It shall not stand, and it shall not come to pass.

<sup>10</sup> Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, <sup>11</sup> “Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” <sup>12</sup> But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” <sup>13</sup> Then Isaiah said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals that you weary my, God also? <sup>14</sup> Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is